

2.10 SUMMARY OF RELATED STUDIES AND REPORTS

2.10.1 Completed Studies

Southern Greenlee County Small Area Transportation Study

Date Completed: 01/2008

Lead Agency: Greenlee County

Author: Lima & Associates

Study Area: Southern Greenlee County

Key Findings or Recommendations: Identified opportunities for pedestrian, equestrian or bicycle paths, the need for general public transit options and the lack of continuity and connectivity of roads within the study area.

City of Safford Transportation Study

Date Completed: 09/2007

Lead Agency: City of Safford

Author: United Civil Group

Study Area: City of Safford

Key Findings or Recommendations: Included an overview of roadway characteristics (i.e., pavement conditions, ADT, etc.), transportation forecast model, identified some of the City's transportation issues (i.e., access management, lack of transportation mode facilities).

City of Douglas Small Area Transportation Study

Date Completed: 07/2007

Lead Agency: City of Douglas

Author: Transcore and Morison Maierle, Inc. with Lima & Associates and the Planning Center

Study Area: City of Douglas

Key Findings or Recommendations: Report included a roadway/downtown parking strategic implementation plan, capital improvements to SR-80/US-191 and recommended the City designate a City Transportation Coordinator.

Graham County Transit Feasibility Review

Date Completed: 05/2007

Lead Agency: Graham County

Author: Ostrander Consulting, Inc., RAE Consultants, Inc.

Study Area: Graham County

Key Findings or Recommendations: Confirmed there is a significant need for general public transit because of growing populations due to employment opportunities with Phelps Dodge and increased retirement housing. The proposed service would be a deviated fixed-route two "checkpoints."

Nogales Transit Feasibility Review and Implementation Plan

Date Completed: 11/1/2006

Lead Agency: Arizona Department of Transportation

Author: Nelson/Nygaard

Study Area: City of Nogales

Key Findings or Recommendations: Concluded existing private buses operate inconsistent services without fixed schedules, varying fares and do not meet ADA requirements. Three public fixed-route lines with two transfer facilities were proposed.

Gila County Small Area Transportation Study

Date Completed: 10/2006

Lead Agency: Gila County

Author: Tentra Tech, Inc., Lima & Associates, Partners for Strategic Action, Inc.

Study Area: Gila County

Key Findings or Recommendations: Consultants recommends the County establish a process to coordinate county land use and transportation decisions, designate a transportation coordinator who would coordinate all County transportation options and perform various transportation studies (i.e., region/local bus feasibility, airport upgrade, etc).

Tribute Specific Plan: Master Planned Community

Date Completed: 07/2006

Lead Agency: City of Sierra Vista

Author: Castle & Cooke Arizona, Inc.

Study Area: Tribute Master Planned Community

Key Findings or Recommendations: The Plan was amended to the Vista 2020 General Plan. It specified minor differences in development standards for the community.

Northwest Cochise County Transportation Planning Study

Date Completed: 07/29/2005

Lead Agency: Cochise County

Author: Curtis Lueck & Associates

Study Area: Rural Northwest Cochise County (Just east of SR-90/ north of I-10/ east of County line)

Key Findings or Recommendations: The Preferred Alternative emphasized on east to west connectivity, I-10 bypass opportunities, connections from major developments to existing communities, extensions of I-10 frontage roads and new roads providing access to Whetstone Mountains.

Santa Cruz County Comprehensive Plan 2004

Date Completed: 06/29/2004

Lead Agency: Santa Cruz County

Author: HDR, Inc., C.L. Williams Consulting, Inc., ESI, Inc., Jackie Guthrie, Senna Environmental Services

Study Area: Santa Cruz County

Key Findings or Recommendations: Challenges were classified by region. The main concern in the northwest is the preservation of ranches and farms along the Santa Cruz River. The development of an efficient transportation system to improve access is a priority for the central county. The south central and southeastern sections of the county encourage responsible development. Coordinating closely on new interconnections from State Routes/Point of Entry to I-19 is a focus for the southwest sector.

Safford General Plan

Date Completed: 02/23/2004

Lead Agency: City of Safford

Author: City of Safford

Study Area: City of Safford

Key Findings or Recommendations: Established there is very limited access to growth areas and identified the capital/infrastructure improvements identified in the County Transportation Plan as high priorities.

City of Bisbee General Plan Update

Date Completed: 01/20/2004

Lead Agency: City of Bisbee

Author: The Planning Center

Study Area: City of Bisbee

Key Findings or Recommendations: The deficient sewer system was identified the major constraint to growth. Recommended development area plans (i.e., Saginaw, Historic Bisbee, Historic Warren, San Jose, the airport, etc.), apply for grants to convert abandoned rail lines into linear parks and beautify "Traffic Circle".

Cochise County Comprehensive Plan

Date Completed: Adopted 8/27/1984. Amended 12/14/1992, 04/01/1996, 11/27/2001, 09/09/2002, 12/16/2003

Lead Agency: Cochise County

Author: Cochise County

Study Area: Cochise County

Key Findings or Recommendations: The document is meant to promote orderly growth in Cochise County.

Gila County Comprehensive Plan

Date Completed: 12/04/2003

Lead Agency: Gila County

Author: LVA Urban Design Studio, L.L.C., Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.

Study Area: Gila County

Key Findings or Recommendations: Includes Community Land Use Plans for populated sections of the county (i.e., Strawberry, Young, Tonto Basin). The Plan identified inadequate emergency transportation, lack of transit facilities and need for regional planning efforts as transportation priorities requiring immediate attention.

Vista 2020 General Plan

Date Completed: 05/2003

Lead Agency: City of Sierra Vista

Author: City of Sierra Vista Department of Community Development

Study Area: City of Sierra Vista

Key Findings or Recommendations: The Plan updated public participation policies, detailed the Joint Planning Area agreement the City has with the County (City may develop 20 miles outside city limits) and recommended the City identify future access points on SR-90/SR-92.

2003 Greenlee County Comprehensive Plan

Date Completed: 03/04/2003

Lead Agency: Greenlee County

Author: Philip Ronnerud, Director Engineering/ Public Works Director

Study Area: Greenlee County

Key Findings or Recommendations: Recommended the County create an Economic Development Coordinator position, encourage small business development and settle matters over water claim.

Payson General Plan Update

Date Completed: 01/2003

Lead Agency: Town of Payson

Author: Partners for Strategic Action

Study Area: Town of Payson

Key Findings or Recommendations: Acknowledged the need to secure additional water supply because population is expected to exceed existing ground water supply by 2010. Additionally, the Plan identified growth areas (i.e., Green Valley Redevelopment Area, SR-260 Corridor, etc.), listed proposed 2020 link improvements (i.e., SR-87/SR-260) and recommended the Town introduce a transit program by 2007.

Unified Nogales/Santa Cruz County Transportation 2000 Plan

Date Completed: 12/2000

Lead Agency: City of Nogales/Santa Cruz County

Author: Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.

Study Area: City of Nogales (Coronado Natural Forest is east/west boundary, five mile radius of I-19)

Key Findings or Recommendations: Determined the City and County budgets are insufficient for transportation infrastructure. Based on 20-year projection, will need approximately \$510.2 million to address regional transportation needs. Stakeholders expressed interest in an international multimodal facility.

City of Douglas General Plan

Date Completed: 06/12/2002

Lead Agency: City of Douglas

Author: The Planning Center

Study Area: City of Douglas

Key Findings or Recommendations: Implementation plan which promotes "Smart Growth" development.

1998 Graham County Regional Transportation Study

Date Completed: 12/1998

Lead Agency: Graham County

Author: Lima & Associates, TrueLine Engineering

Study Area: Graham County

Key Findings or Recommendations: The study included a strategic plan up to 2010, recommended the County perform various studies and found there was sufficient demand for a general public dial-a-ride service.

Santa Cruz County Capital Improvements Plan

Date Completed:

Lead Agency:

Author:

Study Area: Santa Cruz County

Key Findings or Recommendations: Identified top funding priorities for flood control, sheriff/public safety, roadway improvement, parks & recreation, administration and landfill projects.

2.10.2 Studies Currently Under Way

Graham County Alternative Route Study

Date Completed: Ongoing
Lead Agency: Arizona Department of Transportation
Author: N/A
Study Area: Graham County

Key Findings or Recommendations: Expected to develop a preliminary assessment of the need for and feasibility of a potential new route connecting US-191 to US-70 in the Safford area.

Town of Thatcher General Plan Update

Date Completed: Ongoing
Lead Agency: Town of Thatcher
Author: Willdan
Study Area: Town of Thatcher

Key Findings or Recommendations: Recommended the Town partner with the County, City of Safford and other entities to implement regional transit and roadway improvement. Proposed development planning which includes prohibiting new development in areas where service needs cannot reasonably be met.

West Sierra Vista Master Plan

Date Completed: Ongoing
Lead Agency: City of Sierra Vista
Author: N/A
Study Area: Western sector of the city of Sierra Vista

Key Findings or Recommendations: Outlined specific implementation action items, developed design guidelines and recommended establishment of a downtown business district.